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Dear Sir/Madam:

Applicants and their attorney submit this disclosure statement in accordance with their duty of disclosure under 37 CFR § 1.56 and CFR § 1.97(b)(1) within three months of the filing date of the application. Enclosed herewith is a list of references cited by Applicant (PTO-1449), including copies of all references listed thereon.

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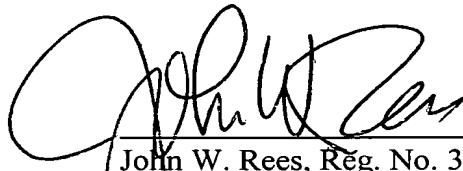
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